Milestone	Target date
Notice of the availability of the EA.	April, 2010.

s. Based on a review of the exemption application and resource agency consultation letters, Commission staff intend to prepare a single environmental assessment (EA). The EA will assess the potential effects of project construction and operation on geology and soils, aquatic, terrestrial, threatened and endangered species, recreation and land use, aesthetic, and cultural and historic resources. Because staff believe the issues that need to be addressed in its EA have been adequately identified, with this notice, we are soliciting comments on our intent to waive scoping for the Potter Creek Hydroelectric Project. Comments, terms and conditions, recommendations, prescriptions, and reply comments, if any, will be addressed in an EA.

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD04–4–001]

Panel Member List for Hydropower Licensing Study Dispute Resolution; Notice Extending Filing Date for Applications for Panel Member List for Hydropower Licensing Study Dispute Resolution

February 4, 2010.

On October 20, 2009, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) requested applications to be included on a list of resource experts willing to serve as a third panel member in the Commission's hydropower integrated licensing process (ILP) study dispute resolution process. We are extending the application period until August 15, 2010, to afford interested parties more time to respond to the original request. Respondents to the initial request need not reapply to be considered. Information on the application contents and how to file applications can be found in the October 20, 2009 notice or on the Commission's Web page at: *http://www.ferc.gov/industries/hydropower.asp*. For more information please contact David Turner at (202) 502–6091 or *david.turner@ferc.gov.*

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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[Project No. 13605–000]

Natural Currents Energy Services, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

February 4, 2010.

On October 21, 2009, and revised on January 28, 2009, Natural Currents Energy Services, LLC, filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Icy Passage Tidal Energy Project, located in Icy Passage, in the Hoonah-Angoon Borough, Alaska. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would either attach turbines to the underside of an existing State of Alaska dock, or anchor the turbines to the bottom of the passage, and would consist of: (1) An existing approximately 70-foot-long by 220-foot-wide State of Alaska dock connected to the shore by an approximately 1,130-foot-long boardwalk extending into Icy Passage; (2) twelve 25-kilowatt (kW) Red Hawk in-stream turbine modules with a total generating capacity of 300 kW; (3) one or more clusters of Tidal In-Stream Energy Conversion Devices (TISEC devices) to transmit the electricity from the turbines to the underwater transmission line; (4) an approximately 3,900-foot-long, 480-volt underwater transmission line connecting the TISEC device to an existing above-ground local distribution system; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The project would have an estimated average annual generation of 1,200 megawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Roger Bason, President, Natural Currents Energy Services, LLC, 24 Roxanne Boulevard, Highland, NY 12561; phone: (845) 691–4009.

FERC Contact: Jennifer Harper, 202–502–6136.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (*http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ferconline.asp*) under the "eFiling" link. For a simpler method of submitting text only comments, click on "Quick Comment." For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov;* call toll-free at (866) 208–3676; or, for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and eight copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's Web site at *http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp.* Enter the docket number (P–13605) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13237–001]

Whitman River Dam, Inc.; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

February 5, 2010.

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 13237–001.